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**GENERAL FIREWORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2008**

Members Present

George Apple - Consumnes Fire Department
Gary Brown - Pyro Spectaculars, Inc
Linda Hass - Phantom Fireworks (Represented by Ray Guzman)
Kevin Kelley - Disney Entertainment
Dennis King - M P Associates
Don Petro - An American Tradition
Dennis Revell - Revell Communications
Tad Trout - TNT Fireworks
Tom Hoffman - SFM
Marc Yopez -SFM
Yevonne Costa -SFM

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Members Not Present

Linda Hass (represented by Ray Guzman)
Joseph Bartolotta
Thaine Morris -Roger George Rentals
Al Adams – SFM
Tony Guevara –SFM

Guests

Ian Gilfillan -Pyro Spectaculars, Inc
Wayne Mitchell
Penny Nichols
Bill Gordon

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Call to Order

Chief Hoffman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the main conference room of the State Fire Marshal's Office located in Sacramento.

Approval of Minutes 12/05/2007

The 12/05/2007 meeting minutes were distributed. One name was misspelled and Ian Gilfillan should have been listed as a guest, not a committee member. Mr. Revell expressed concern that an action item was missing. He said he'd check his notes and bring to the next meeting any corrections if needed. In light of Mr. Revell's concerns, the minutes were determined to be possibly incomplete and were not approved, but to be kept as draft until the next meeting.

Fiscal Update/Fee Increase

Chief Hoffman and Marc Yepez presented a summary of the Special Fund 102 (102 Fund) revenues and expenditures for the most recent completed fiscal year. They distributed and discussed an Audit Report that was recently completed regarding management of the 102 Fund.

Chief Hoffman briefed the committee on overhead charges being assessed by Cal Fire budgets office. For at least the last 12 years there has been an internal overhead assessment of \$421,000 charged against the 102 Fund. This assessment, however, has been charged entirely against the Fire Extinguisher Program. In order to more equitably spread the overhead assessment, each program within the 102 Fund will begin paying their "fair share."

The SFM has determined that of all the programs that are funded out of the 102 Fund, the Fireworks Program has about 28% of the business based on 102 Fund revenues. Gary Brown asked for a re-evaluation of the Fireworks share to be calculated based on expenditures, not revenues. Chief Hoffman said he would ask SFM accounting to rework the analysis based on expenditures.

Marc Yepez provided information concerning a Budget Change Proposal (BCP) currently in the Governor's budget. This BCP proposes to hire additional Arson and Bomb staff to implement the tasks identified in SB839.

Gary Brown indicated that he wanted to take the fiscal handouts home and study them and return to the next meeting with questions.

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SB839 Data Collection

Chief Mitchell gave committee members an in-depth discussion of the current CFIRS/CAIRS system and capabilities regarding capturing more details information about fireworks-caused fires and injuries.

Possible solutions:

- Consider financial incentive for AHJ reporting purposes.
- Work with vendors to look at the feasibility of a patch to implement SB839 provisions.
- Review the idea of adding a "Plus1 Code"

New Business

Von Costa passed out a hand out that explains revised Retail Booth licensing procedures. SFM will begin accepting applications February 01, 2008 instead of March 1, 2008. SFM will consider opening the Retail Booth licensing application period in January next year.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on March 03, 2008 in Sacramento at 10:00a.m in the SFM main conference room.